

# Wisconsin 2010 LSTA Grant Abstracts

Abstracts for the LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) projects approved for funding in Wisconsin in 2010 are available below. These abstracts were included as part of the online grant applications submitted by grant applicants in September 2009. The abstracts are arranged in alphabetical order by project number within the LSTA grant categories.

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## A. Technology

### Statewide Technology

**Northern Waters Library Service** 10-115  
**NWLS Delivery Service Project** \$15,000

The growth of resource sharing as a result of increased access to resources is phenomenal in the Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) area. The number of interlibrary loan items loaned by NWLS libraries increased 25.22% from 2007 to 2008 (the last year we have complete statistics). Interlibrary loan items received by NWLS member libraries have increased 24.11% for the same period. The delivery service is the lifeblood of NWLS area resource sharing. Small rural libraries have never had the potential to serve their customers as well as they do now with the improved access to materials and efficient and regular delivery of materials. With messages for cooperation and consolidation serving as buzz words in the state budget news, the resource sharing provided by rural libraries is timely and effective. Statistics from HUD's Office of Policy Development & Research ([www.huduser.org](http://www.huduser.org)) show that the median income for a family in Wisconsin is \$62,200. For NWLS area families the median income is much lower, \$51,112.50. Therefore, it takes a greater percentage of our region's resources to compete with libraries in more affluent areas of the state. The geographic reality of large distance and few people worsens the scenario. The demographic reality is that persons living in rural areas have fewer resources and therefore may receive the most potential from effective library services. Eleven NWLS libraries have scheduled additional delivery stops per week in order to provide better services at local expense. These libraries had been getting two or three stops per week but have determined that the volume warranted additional service per week. Their action is testimony to the value of this service.

South Central Library System 10-117  
Delivery Services \$75,000

The South Central Library System (SCLS) provides the intersystem connection of the statewide delivery service. SCLS will use the grant funds to underwrite the increasing vehicle operating costs including fuel and maintaining an aging fleet. This service impacts all libraries that participate in the Wisconsin Libraries' Delivery Network, including all public libraries in all 17 systems.

## Library System Technology

Arrowhead Library System 10-121  
Arrowhead Libraries Computer Training for Staff and the Public \$9,600

The Arrowhead Library System will provide computer training for staff and the public at the seven member libraries in Rock County. The Arrowhead Library System will hire a part-time, 20 hour per week, computer trainer to conduct beginning and advanced computer classes, primarily for adults, including senior citizens, with a variety of physical challenges, including hearing loss, mobility problems and vision loss. The training for staff and the public is conducted in groups and for individuals depending on the library setting in which the classes are conducted. Two libraries have computer labs and the five small libraries have access to a portable computer lab of four laptops that work with their wireless networks.

Eastern Shores Library System 10-123  
Wide Area Network Access 2010 \$11,300

Library Services and Technology Act

Public Library System Technology Projects – Noncompetitive

Abstract

Eastern Shores Library System (ESLS) and Manitowoc-Calumet Library System (MCLS) have been providing wide area network (WAN) access to their member libraries since 1998. Each member library in the two systems has a TEACH circuit into the BadgerNet Converged Network, connecting to networking equipment in the ESLS offices in Sheboygan. The ESLS office connects via TEACH / BCN to WiscNet, the system's network services provider. ESLS has 20MB of transport to WiscNet, and 25MB for WAN traffic. The support for the network services are shared by ESLS and MCLS, 2/3 and 1/3 respectively.

This LSTA grant will provide funding for Eastern Shores Library System's share of the total telecommunications costs from TEACH. The grant will also pay for part of the cost of the system's member libraries' TEACH line to the BadgerNet WAN.

Amount of Federal Funds Requested: \$11,300

Indianhead Federated Library System 10-125  
2010 System Technology Projects \$34,100

The Indianhead Federated Library System (IFLS) is a geographically large system spread across 10 counties in west-central Wisconsin. Our membership is made up of 53 mostly small public libraries and three county library services.

IFLS will use its 2009 System Technology grant for the following projects:

- \*Purchase equipment to connect to a local community area network (CINC)
- \*Purchase federated search software.
- \*Purchase Website link-checking, spell-checking, and accessibility software
- \*Purchase a replacement server
- \*Maintain membership in the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium
- \*Continue to participate in the Ask-Away virtual reference project.

**Kenosha Public Library** **10-127**  
**2010 KCLS Systemwide Resources and Services** **\$8,900**

The Kenosha Public Library (KPL) is applying for a 2010 LSTA Library System Technology Project Grant on behalf of the Kenosha County Library System (KCLS). This is a non-competitive grant category and KCLS is eligible to receive \$8,900 in funds, if approved. This grant would be to purchase services and resources that have been purchased in 2009 with this same category of LSTA funds and in previous years from system funds.

The following services and resources are to be purchased with the grant money:

- Ask?Away Reference Service
- WPLC Membership and eBooks through NetLibrary
- OverDrive Digital Books, Music and Videos
- Syndetics Cover Art Subscription

**Lakeshores Library System** **10-129**  
**2010 Lakeshores Library System Technology Projects** **\$14,500**

Lakeshores Library System proposes to use the LSTA System Technology grant for the following projects:

Purchase of replacements servers to ensure the continued operation of our WAN; additional inventory units in order that system members can determine what they own and be able to make corrections to the ILS (integrated library system) as needs be; funds to contract for technology consulting and troubleshooting services.

**Manitowoc-Calumet Library System** **10-131**  
**T1 Lines and Data Lines Support** **\$8,500**

This project will help the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System (MCLS) and its six member libraries to continue to participate in a high-speed, wide area network that is supported cooperatively by MCLS and the Eastern Shores Library System. In addition, a small portion of the grant will be used to help fund additional bandwidth purchased through WISCNET to speed WAN operations.

LSTA funds will be used to pay for T1 lines for Manitowoc-Calumet's six member libraries at the TEACH-subsidized annual rate of \$1,200 per library. The grant also will pay for MCLS's share of three T1 lines that serve the network's central site. Under a contract with the Eastern Shores system, MCLS will use local funds to pay for most of the central site costs, administration, technical support, additional bandwidth and a portion of the MCLS share of WiscNet email and Internet service. These costs will absorb the remainder of the \$8,500 that is allocated to MCLS in this noncompetitive grant.

The wide area network supported in part by this grant provides the telecommunications backbone for shared automation systems in both Manitowoc-Calumet and Eastern Shores. Within MCLS, all six member libraries currently participate in a shared Sirsi Dynix system through the Manitowoc-Calumet Libraries Automated Resource Sharing Consortium (LARS). MCLS and all of its member libraries have Web pages, which are hosted on the network's central site server. All of the libraries OPACs are available over the network, and all six libraries use the network for Internet access. (Even though Internet access is enabled by the wide area network, use of LSTA funds for T1 telecommunications lines as proposed in this project does not trigger Children's Internet Protection Act filtering requirements for participating libraries.)

Providing high-speed, reliable telecommunications through the Eastern Shores/MCLS wide area network is one way for MCLS to offer a valuable and much-needed service. MCLS will be able to invest in continuing cooperative collaboration with ESLS in 2010. MCLS member libraries have repeatedly confirmed that they want the System to continue to maintain the network as a system service. By paying for the T1 lines, which represent a substantial portion of network costs, this grant will help assure that Manitowoc-Calumet libraries and their users continue to have ready and reliable telecommunications to support resource sharing, communication, Internet access, and other activities.

**Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System** **10-133**  
**MWFLS Technology Projects, 2010** **\$17,400**

1. Providing adequate bandwidth for the MWFLS WAN: \$9,747 will be used to purchase ITp or WAN bandwidth for the MWFLS WAN. It will not be used to purchase Internet service.
2. WPLC Membership: \$7,653 will be used for MWFLS's WPLC Membership in order to be able to participate in the WPLC Overdrive subscription.

All MWFLS member libraries will be receiving services from this grant. These libraries are: Beaver Dam Community Library, Brownsville Public Library, Dwight Foster Public Library (Fort Atkinson), Fox Lake Public Library, Germantown Community Library, Hartford Public Library, Horicon Public Library, Hustisford Public Library, Iron Ridge Public Library, Jefferson Public Library, Johnson Creek Public Library, Juneau Public Library, Kewaskum Public Library, L.D. Fargo Public Library (Lake Mills), Lomira Public Library, Lowell Public Library, Mayville Public Library, Powers Memorial Library (Palmyra), Hutchinson Memorial Library (Randolph),

Reeseville Public Library, Slinger Community Library, Theresa Public Library, Karl Junginger Memorial Library (Waterloo), Watertown Public Library, Waupun Public Library and the West Bend Community Memorial Library.

**Milwaukee County Federated Library System** **10-135**  
**MCFLS System Technology Projects - 2010** **\$37,000**

MCFLS plans to utilize the 2010 Library System Technology Project funds toward the following projects:

- 1) Mango Languages - 6 language package. Mango Languages is an easy to use and effective language learning tool focusing on everyday conversation. Unlimited in-library and remote use. Grant funds will cover cost for 13 MCFLS member libraries for a 2010 6-language package. Libraries wishing all languages in 2010 will need to supplement grant funds with local funds. Libraries must commit to two-years, with local funds covering all 2011 costs.
- 2) Wisconsin Public Library Consortium - Content. As members of WPLC, we currently subscribe to Overdrive Downloadable AudioBooks and Downloadable Video. Grant money would go toward additional content

3) Upgrade Network Equipment. We need to replace/upgrade MCFLS network equipment as follows to make the transition to Gigabit Ethernet as move to fiber network.

- Cisco ASA 5520 Firewall
- Cisco 2821 Internet Router
- Cisco Catalyst 2960G LAN Switch
- Cisco Catalyst 2960G-8TC Perimeter Switch
- Cisco Catalyst 2960G-8TC Internet Switch
- Systems Integration
- Cabling (CAT6/CAT7 Wiring)

**Nicolet Federated Library System** **10-137**  
**Online Database Support** **\$28,600**

NFLS in cooperation with the Outagamie Waupaca Library System (OWLS) purchases subscriptions to a variety of databases including the Gale Biography and Literature Resource Centers, Opposing Viewpoints, and the Mango Language learning database among others to supplement the state-supplied BadgerLink databases. This project will provide part of the financial support for the NFLS portion of the database costs. OWLS is the contracting agency, and NFLS provides funding to OWLS for the NFLS portion of all database costs. Access to the databases is available to all users of the OWLSnet Innovative Interfaces integrated library system (InfoSoup.org), as well as to all users of the Brown County Library's Sirsi-Dynix integrated library system. Access to the databases is made available to all the libraries in both systems, as well as to users who log in to either the Brown County Library or OWLSnet websites from home or anywhere, using their library card barcode number.

**Northern Waters Library Service** **10-139**  
**NWLS Technology and Database Project** **\$24,000**

The NWLS Technology and Database Project funds will be used to purchase subscriptions to shared online databases chosen by NWLS staff with input from member library staff. This grant will fund Ancestry Library Edition (a genealogy database), WorldCat (an interlibrary loan tool), and membership in the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC). Membership in WPLC provides access to netLibrary and Overdrive for member libraries and their patrons.

Grant funds will also be used to purchase enhancements to Merlin the NWLS shared online catalog and training for NWLS technology staff. The high level of training required by technology staff is expensive and often a distance from the NWLS area.

**Outagamie Waupaca Library System** **10-141**  
**Support for Mango Languages** **\$13,800**

Since 2000 the Outagamie Waupaca Library System and the Nicolet Federated Library System have provided their member libraries and patrons with access to a variety of electronic resources. Because of limited system funding it is difficult to pay for all of these subscriptions. In addition, member libraries continue to express the desire to have additional database products available to them. OWLS regularly evaluates the use of its online subscriptions and makes adjustments to licensing arrangements in order to optimize the benefit it receives from limited resources.

OWLS proposes to use LSTA funds to assist with paying for electronic resource subscriptions in 2009. Specifically, LSTA funds will be used to continue a subscription to the language learning program, "Mango Languages." It is anticipated that the 2010 subscription will cost at least \$21,000, and OWLS will use \$13,800 of LSTA funding from the Public Library System Technology Projects category to help pay for the 2010 subscription.

**South Central Library System** 10-143  
**2010 SCLS System Technology Projects** \$42,000

The 2010 SCLS System Technology Projects include the following projects:

1. Patron and Staff Training: \$12,400 will be used to provide funds to trainers to provide member libraries with staff and/or patron training in the area of technology. Some funds may be used for system-wide training for library staff in specific technology topics.
2. Purchase of ebooks from netLibrary and other vendors: \$7,000 will be used to purchase titles from netLibrary to update our existing collection and possibly to purchase titles from OverDrive, which would expand our existing OverDrive collection to include new formats.
3. Experimentation with USB language learning products: \$1,000 will be used to purchase language-learning products on USB drives to determine possible circulation and ILL processes and to assess the value of these products.
4. Flip camera collection: \$600 will be used to purchase a collection of Flip video cameras to be used for patron and library staff training in video creation and editing.
5. RFID tags and inventory wands: \$5,500 will be used to purchase RFID tags and inventory wands for system-wide use.
6. Financial assistance for libraries interested in joining the ILS: \$12,500 will be used to subsidize the start-up costs for libraries interested in joining the shared ILS in 2010.
7. Windows 7 licenses: \$3,000 will be used to purchase Windows 7 licenses for experimentation and planning

**Southwest Wisconsin Library System** 10-145  
**SWLS System Technology Projects** \$14,100

The Southwest Wisconsin Library System serves 28 public libraries located within a five county area. Funding from this grant will allow SWLS to continue providing much-needed electronic resources to the member libraries.

We will continue our membership in WPLC which provides our libraries with access to the OverDrive database. Grant funding will be used towards the purchase of additional OverDrive content. SWLS will continue its subscription of the Learning Express Library database with the Computer Skills module.

**Waukesha County Federated Library System** 10-147  
**Databases** \$17,400

This proposal will allow the Waukesha County Federated Library System (WCFLS) to continue to offer two genealogy databases to its residents, Ancestry Plus and HeritageQuest. WCFLS has been offering these databases since 2005 and both get high usage from Waukesha County residents. So far in 2009, Ancestry Plus has had 60,000 searches and HeritageQuest has had 31,691 searches. The project will cover costs of both databases, \$17,400.

Winding Rivers Library System 10-149  
Demonstrating Online Databases \$22,500

While BadgerLink has done a commendable job of providing subscription data services to all libraries and citizens in Wisconsin, it is not a comprehensive offering. The Demonstrating Online Databases project is designed to: 1) inform library staff and boards of the benefits of subscription database services, 2) instruct staff on how to promote and utilize specified databases, and 3) encourage library boards to begin planning for funding regionally acquired databases to enhance the offerings already available via BadgerLink.

It has been consistently shown that the majority of the libraries in WRLS become enthusiastic for new technology services once they have the opportunity to utilize and assess them. At the same time, however, a push from the library system is often needed to provide that initial opportunity. While the BadgerLink databases have been available for several years, the libraries in the region have not independently pursued adding databases on the local level. WRLS has concluded that it is time to introduce the libraries to the value of additional databases. Furthermore, the few libraries which have acquired additional databases find themselves bombarded with users from outside of their municipalities who don't understand why they cannot have remote access to data made available to municipal residents. This prompted WRLS to realize that any introduction had to cover the entire region, and thus would need to have central funding that would automatically include all area residents regardless of how the local library board felt about funding subscription databases.

In several discussions with members over the past two years (and more formal discussion at WRLSWEB Network Advisory Committee meetings), it has been determined that the heaviest current demand is for genealogical resources, so WRLS has negotiated with and received quotes from ProQuest to acquire Ancestry and Heritage Quest for the entire region for 2010. The provision of these two genealogical databases (one offering remote access from any Internet computer and one offered only through library stations) to all libraries and residents of the seven county region will be the resulting outcome of this project.

Winnefox Library System 10-151  
Winnefox Technology Grant \$19,100

The grant funds will be used to help pay for several features on our WALS automated catalog/circulation system that will benefit our member libraries and their users.

For several years, we have purchased additional content for our OPAC records: Contents notes, reviews, excerpts, and cover art from Syndetic Solutions. Another product may be considered for 2010. The added content for the catalog has been well received by both library staff and patrons and has enhanced the usefulness of the OPAC.

We will continue to maintain a Z39.50 interface to allow other libraries ILL access to our catalog.

Wisconsin Valley Library Service 10-153  
WVLS Technology Projects, 2010 \$27,200

The 2010 LSTA Library System Technology Projects noncompetitive grant in the amount of \$27,200 will be used to fund:

1. Network - Streamline and improve overall structure of our computer network that provides Internet access and the library automation system. This improvement will enhance the speed and reliability of our network for all 33 locations participating in the WVLS wide area network. \$15,500

2. Migration - V-Cat Migration Committee activities such as: planning, site visits, consultation fees, and contractual/licensing/maintenance costs associated with migration to a more robust integrated library system. \$11,700

## Digitization – Local Resources

Arrowhead Library System 10-155  
Arrowhead Digitization of Rock County Resources \$4,000

The Arrowhead Digitization of Rock County History Resources will provide electronic access to materials that are today only available in print format and to people who can go to the Milton Historical Society, Edgerton Public Library and the Eager Free Public Library. Each of these locations provides unique collections of records of the Milton House, a hotel that also served in the Underground Railroad; the Edgerton Public Library with unique resources documenting the history of Edgerton; and a continuation of a digitization project started in 2009 with materials from the history room of the Eager Free Public Library in Evansville. Each of these communities has a rich history in agriculture, industry, commerce and education. The project is endorsed by the boards of the Eager Free Public Library, the Edgerton Public Library and the Milton Historical Society. The administrator of the grant administered the digitization grant completed in 2009. She has also worked for the Rock County Historical Society doing historical research and architectural surveys in Rock County and has researched Evansville history since 1978.

Barneveld Public Library 10-157  
Barneveld Local History 2 \$3,214

The Barneveld Public Library will work with the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections Center to digitize the following local history materials:

1. 24 collected oral histories on cassette tape – a volunteer project, conducted in early 2009, in partnership with Blue Mounds Historical Society, and with partial funding by the United Fund of Iowa County. (29h 45m)
2. Written transcripts of the 24 collected oral histories. (357 pages)
3. Trout Creek Telephone Company, recorded conversations of the history of this local telephone company, serving 18 households into the 1950's. (15 minutes)
4. Written transcripts of the conversations on the Trout Creek Telephone Company. (3 pages)
5. Trout Creek Telephone Company phone book (hand written in pencil on a single sheet of paper – a list of names on the trunk and a description of each family's ring sequence). (1 page)
6. Miller scrapbooks (5) – personal scrapbooks donated by Lilas Miller containing dairy farm receipts, household bills and other information from the 1940's through 1984. (144, 150, 76, 236, 184, 164 = 954 pages)
7. Photographs – black & white and color pictures of Barneveld.
8. Barneveld School yearbooks – 1953, 1959. (32, 64 = 96 pages)
9. Barneveld School, photographs of the student body (2, 24X30)

Our original digitization project (LSTA, 2007), has improved access to a wealth of local history resources. Users of the online collection have been impressed with the number and quality of materials offered. We seek to add to the online collection so we may continue to improve access to anyone interested in

learning more about the history of the Village of Barneveld and the surrounding area. Similar to our previous project, it will give the materials in this collection a wider audience via Internet access, and will help preserve information contained in materials that are fast becoming too fragile to be used directly by patrons. In addition, this project will help to protect the physical items from loss due to natural disaster or theft. The metadata created by library staff will provide users easy access to the information and will meet the requirements of the UWDC guidelines. The digitized resources will be promoted through the media, library programs, and the following websites: the Wisconsin Collection Center, the Barneveld Public Library, the Blue Mounds Historical Society and the Iowa County Historical Society. To date, we are the only Iowa County agency to have applied for this grant.

**Barrett Memorial Library** 10-159  
**Community Treasure: "Bay Leaves" 1933-40** \$4,968

The Barrett Memorial Library is the main repository of the photographs, scrapbooks, yearbooks, and newsletters and other historical artifacts that document the village of Williams Bay's rich history. The "Community Treasure: 'Bay Leaves' 1933-40" project will allow for the digitization of a valuable part of these historic documents: the Bay Leaves newsletter. This invaluable resource highlights the historic camps; world-famous Yerkes Observatory; the Belfry Theater, the state's first summer stock theater; and the year-round and summer residents that have strongly influenced the appearance, culture and tourism of the village for more than 150 years.

There is great demand not only from local citizens, but from researchers throughout the state and beyond to have access to this resource. Due to the fact that more than 50% of the homes owned in Williams Bay are vacation homes and because the camps have been owned by churches and/or non-profit associations, the number of people who trace a history back to summer in Williams Bay is much larger than average for a small Wisconsin village. The library fields a constant demand for historical information about the families who lived here.

The library possesses issues of the Bay Leaves from 1933 through its final year in 1956. We would like to digitize as much as possible, but we understand funds are limited. Therefore, we propose to digitize issues from the newsletter's inception in 1933 to 1940. Many documents are housed in a basement storeroom with no consideration for heat and humidity. In their present form, these documents are difficult to research and are in danger of further deterioration. Without the technology of digitization, this invaluable record of people, places and events of Williams Bay will eventually be lost. That is why we would like to have this resource added to the University of Wisconsin Digital Collection.

**Fox Lake Public Library** 10-161  
**Bunny Berigan in Fox Lake** \$2,188

The Fox Lake Public Library and the Fox Lake Historical Society will work with the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections Center to digitize their collection of materials related to the early life and career of Bunny Berigan. Berigan was a well known jazz trumpeter who worked with musicians such as Benny Goodman, the Dorsey Brothers, and Paul Whiteman in the 1930's and early 1940's. He was born in nearby Hilbert, Wisconsin, moved to Fox Lake in his early childhood, and considered Fox Lake his hometown. Today, a yearly jazz jubilee celebrates Berigan's musical legacy.

The Fox Lake Historical Society was the beneficiary of an extensive amount of material collected by Berigan's son-in-law after his death a few years ago. In addition to the material already owned by the Fox Lake Historical Society, this collection includes photographs, newspaper clippings, and other material related to Berigan's life.

This project will make some of this significant historical material available to local historians, Berigan fans, and jazz fans around the world.

**Indianhead Federated Library System** **10-163**  
**Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, St. Croix, and Rusk Counties: Local History Collections** **\$5,000**

The Indianhead Federated Library System (IFLS), on behalf of eleven member libraries, is applying for LSTA grant funding to have portions of participating libraries' local history collections digitized by the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections Center (UWDCC). The books, photographs, and maps included in the project are of interest both to local residents and a wider audience, particularly former residents, genealogists, and historians. While the materials are currently accessible to the public, this access is limited to in-library use, and requires remote information seekers to contact library staff for photocopies or transcriptions from these resources. Creating a second mode of access would allow for increased use of the works and, in the case of remote users, more direct access to the resources.

The eleven participating IFLS libraries are Baldwin Public Library, Chippewa Falls Public Library, Colfax Public Library, Durand Community Library, L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library in Eau Claire, Rusk County Community Library in Ladysmith, Menomonie Public Library, Carleton A. Friday Memorial Library in New Richmond, Pepin Public Library, Somerset Public Library and Woodville Public Library. These libraries would contribute roughly 30 books, 280 photographs, and 5 maps to comprise a sub-collection of the UWDCC's State of Wisconsin Collection entitled "Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, St. Croix, and Rusk Counties: Local History Collections." All works are in the public domain or included with expressed permission from the copyright holder(s). Because the State of Wisconsin Collection currently includes few resources from West-Central Wisconsin, the addition of this sub-collection would broaden the geographic scope and enrich this valuable online resource.

This would be the first digitizing project for the majority of participating libraries. Further, many participating libraries are including only a portion of their full local history collections in this project. After gaining experience in the digitizing process and observing the usefulness of expanding access to local history materials in this way, these and other IFLS member libraries may consider future digitizing projects.

**Lester Public Library** **10-165**  
**Life and Industry in Two Rivers: Photos and Catalogs** **\$2,149**

The Lester Public Library, located in Two Rivers, WI would like to digitize our Herbert Wentorf Photograph Collection and, in partnership with a local business, a collection of publications and catalogs from Fisher-Hamilton Industries. Mr. Wentorf was both a local photographer and a collector of local historical photographs. Images in the collection range in date from the late 1800's to the mid-1950's and cover a variety of local industries, people and activities from daily life in Two Rivers. The photo collection is of interest to local citizens, historians, researchers and genealogists. These photos are currently only available to local researchers and are in need of preservation.

The Fisher-Hamilton Company, now known as Thermo-Fisher Scientific, has been one of Two River's major employers and has been vital in shaping the economic climate and history of Two Rivers, WI since 1880. The publications we propose to digitize are mostly product catalogs showing the items manufactured by the company and the changes in these products and the company over time. These catalogs hold a great deal of interest to local and area historians and antique hunters who frequently ask for help identifying their products; they also hold nostalgic appeal to many area residents, some of whom the company has employed through multiple generations.

This grant would be a complement to work already in the UW Digital Collection, including the Manitowoc County Homefront Collection and the Manitowoc Local History Collection.

Mead Public Library 10-167  
Digitization - Local Resources \$4,500

With previous grants Mead Public Library concentrated on materials that dealt with the rich/extensive furniture history of Sheboygan, biographical information of prominent residents and histories of both the City of Sheboygan and Sheboygan County. For this LSTA Grant, Mead Public Library will select volumes of city directories that will enhance the collection already digitized and provide historical information on the average resident of the City and County of Sheboygan.

Anticipating the amount received, information could span the years of 1884 through 1905 and beyond. These early city directories provide information not only on private citizens, but on business firms, trades, professions, City and County officials, public and private schools, churches, banks, and societies. A wealth of information is contained in each volume for the researcher, genealogist, and local history enthusiast.

Waukesha Public Library 10-169  
Waukesha County History 1870-1920 \$4,644

"Waukesha County History 1870-1920"

The Waukesha Public Library (WPL) is applying for a first-time LSTA Digitization – Local Resources grant. "Waukesha County History 1870-1920" will digitize high-interest historical materials that highlight the people and places important to the development of Waukesha County. This collaborative project between Waukesha Public Library (WPL) and Waukesha County Historical Society and Museum (WCHSM) will bring together archival and historical materials for students, residents, genealogists, researchers and historians.

The materials selected for "Waukesha County History 1870-1920" will make a significant contribution to the resources available for those interested in the history of Waukesha County, as our county is not yet represented in the State of Wisconsin Collection available through the University of Wisconsin Digital Collection Center (UWDCC). Receiving a local resources digitization grant will allow both institutions the ability to present our materials in a new and exciting way and will create digital surrogates of our high-use items.

WPL and WCHSM will share the completed project with the public through the UWDCC website and through links on the WPL and WCHSM websites. Both institutions will promote this digital collection through press releases, newsletters, a pathfinder, programming and posters.

Resources to be digitized:

- Atlases from 1873, 1891, 1914, 1917
- Directories from 1890, 1899, 1901, 1910, 1921
- Elida Reynold's Diary, 1869
- Monographs
  - o Waukesha, The Center of the Wisconsin Lake Region, 1888
  - o Wisconsin Place Names, 1903
- Pamphlets

- o Andrew Frame’s Golden Anniversary, 1912
- o Andrew Frame’s 60 Years in Banking, 1922
- o Waukesha Public Library Dedication, 1904
- Over 300 photographic images of Waukesha County

## Digitization – Large Libraries

Madison Public Library 10-173  
 Digitizing Historical Records for Dane County \$12,085

Madison Public Library will work with the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections Center to digitize the following historical items from the Dane County Historical Society and Madison Public Library:

Map of Dane County, Wisconsin, 1861, 12 pp. 150 X 120 cm

Plat Book of Dane County, Wisconsin, 1890, 71 pp.

New Atlas of Dane County, Wisconsin, 1899, 101 pp.

Atlas of Dane County, 1911, 90 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1904, 107 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1906, 123 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1907, 117 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1908 133 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1909, 158

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1909 Supplemental Report, 20 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1910, 126 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1911, 105 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1912, 75 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1913, 78 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1914, 64 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1915-1916, 78 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1917-1918, 81 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1919-1920, 76 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1921-1922, 86 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1922-1923, 94 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1924-1925-1926, 99 pp.

Annual Reports of the Officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the Years Ending 1927-1928-1929, 71 pp.

Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Records [microform], 1893-1938.

Quantity: 1 reel of microfilm (35mm)

Call Number: Micro 1011

Abstract: Records of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, a Madison, Wisconsin organization formed by business and civic leaders to establish scenic drives and parks in and near the city. In 1931, the Madison Park Commission was created and the Association gradually transferred its property and resources to the Commission. Included are minutes, papers on a 1915 legislative lobbying campaign, lists of contributors, and miscellaneous other records.

Reel 1 Volume 1: Original Secretary's Book, 1894-1897

Reel 1 Volume 2: Official Book, 1894-1899

Reel 1 Volume 3: 1899-1938

Committee on City Park Legislation, 1914-1915

Reel 1 Frame 1 Minutes, Correspondence, Clippings

Reel 1 Frame 19 Legislation Notes and Drafts

Reel 1 Frame 139 Information on Legislation Elsewhere

Reel 1 Frame 236 Miscellaneous Unbound Papers, 1893-1937 approximately 400 pp.

John M. Olin's papers that include relevant correspondence 1500 pp.

Digital versions of these works will be accessible through the UW Digital Collections Center web site, the Madison Public Library web site and be available for the Wisconsin Heritage Online project.

The project will preserve fragile works for users to enjoy now and in the future, and further a digital collection that contains historical works from Madison and Dane County.

The library will promote the digitized materials through the media, their web site, programs, and state, county, and local historical and genealogical societies.

Marathon County Public Library

10-175

MCPL LSTA Digitization - History of Towns, Villages, and Cities of Marathon County

\$7,358

Marathon County Public Library

## History of Towns, Villages, and Cities of Marathon County

Marathon County is the largest of the 72 counties in Wisconsin (1,584 square miles) with a population of 126,031. There are 41 towns, 15 villages, and 6 cities in Marathon County.

The intent of the MCPL digitization project is to document, preserve, and make easily and widely accessible via the web the record of the history of the towns, villages, and cities of Marathon County.

Some of the town, village, and city histories that are part of this digitization project were written at the time of our nation's centennial; several were written earlier. Most of them are on poor quality paper, typewritten and/or photocopied and the print and images are fading. Some are also deteriorating because of heavy use and/or are getting "lost" as a result of not being returned by patrons who have checked them out. They are also not widely available in other locations. These histories are a valuable record of family life and economic development in early Marathon County, with pictures and text that are sought after continually by researchers, historians, genealogists, families, and others.

Another item included in this digitization grant proposal is a small pamphlet in deteriorating condition from 1891, "Wausau Wisconsin Illustrated". It is a short history of Wausau with wonderful photos documenting important buildings that are no longer in existence today.

MCPL plans to work closely with the University of Wisconsin Digital Collection Center, who will be digitizing the items, creating metadata and adding them to the collections on the UWDC website. We also plan to work with the Marathon County Historical Society, the Marathon County Genealogy Society, University of Wisconsin Marathon County, and schools in Marathon County to promote its use.

With this grant we hope to not only preserve this important history of Marathon County and its residents, but to make it more readily accessible via the web to the residents in Marathon County, the state of Wisconsin, and beyond.

**Milwaukee Public Library  
Business & Industry in Milwaukee**

**10-177  
\$10,000**

Business & Industry in Milwaukee is a project to digitize 1,800 photographs in the Milwaukee Public Library's Historic Photo Collection, the largest portion of the Historic Photo Archives.

These photos have been chosen from the collection's Business & Industry subject headings, along with headings for areas of the collection relating to business and industry that were large enough to warrant the creation of their own subject headings. Those additional areas are Banks, Beer Gardens, Breweries, Hotels, Newspapers, Restaurants, Shopping Centers, and Taverns. Between the Business & Industry heading and these additional subject headings, they number a little more than 1,800 photographs.

Photos of Milwaukee's businesses and industries through the years reflect the growth and economic development of Wisconsin's largest urban area and will be of interest to local, state, and regional scholars; local students; genealogists; businesses; and more.

This project complements MPL's current digitization efforts and will add to, but not replace those efforts for 2010.

## Health Information Awareness & Access

Northern Waters Library Service 10-179  
Health Information Awareness in NWLS Public Libraries \$4,800

There is the old adage, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” The old saying is especially true when it comes to health information. Access to accurate health information provides individuals with the knowledge and skills to help them make responsible and informed decisions about their health care, plus enables them to adapt and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The citizens of the Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) area live in a remote area of the State, where individuals drive long distances to their health care clinics. The population of the NWLS area is under 150,000 people and covers 8,363 square miles (as large as Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware combined. In comparison, the population of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware is 5,425,132.) The NWLS area is also one of the most economically disadvantaged areas of the State with 10,569 (44%) of the 23,975 students receiving free or reduced lunches. Statistics from HUD's Office of Policy Development & Research ([www.huduser.org](http://www.huduser.org)) show that the median income for a family in Wisconsin is \$62,200. For NWLS area families the median income is 18% lower at \$51,112.50. Often low income families cannot afford a home computer, and those who can, may not have high speed internet available. Therefore, many people rely on their local public library as a source of their health information needs, challenging librarians to keep up-to-date with this area of rapidly changing information.

This project will provide area librarians and library staff with a health information literacy workshop. The Director of the Jim Dan Hill Library at the University of Wisconsin – Superior will present the workshop. NWLS and the Jim Dan Hill Library have formed a partnership to improve access to quality health information for NWLS member libraries. The Jim Dan Hill Library will also serve as a reference for health information to NWLS librarians throughout the project year. Bookmarks will be made and distributed to library patrons that show links to the best health information websites. NWLS Assistant Director will run reports on the NWLS shared automated system to determine the age of the health information books in the library collections. Based on the results of those reports, participating librarians will weed their health information collections and NWLS staff will select and purchase materials with project funds to refresh the collections. NWLS Technology Staff will also place links to the best health websites on the desktops of participating library public access computers for easy access by library patrons. Participating library staff will place links to the best health information websites on their library website for remote users.

## Innovative Use of Technology

Burlington Public Library 10-181  
Kindling Interest in Book Clubs \$5,000

The Burlington Public Library has established two new book clubs in the past year, one serving a low income senior residence, and one to serve young adults. We would like to provide these groups with Kindles featuring their book club selections, to check out instead of more traditional formats.

We know that keeping seniors' minds active through reading and participating book discussions is helps prevent dementia (AARP) and the seniors have found the bookclub engaging. However, nearly all members of the club need large print, but have trouble holding heavy large print books. Those relying on audio materials have a long wait for audio materials. The new Kindles are lightweight, have adjustable sized fonts, and (for some books) have an audio feature.

Our young adults have expressed their support for technology by embracing Playaways (MP3 players) at the high school and public library, and asking for more formats. We are trying to attract more members to the newly formed young adult book club, which draws from approximately 1400 students at the high school. We believe offering a new technology will help interest teens in staying in the library, rather than drifting away--which can happen so easily during their hectic high school years. (Wisconsin Public Library Standards, VOYA).

Additionally, a founding member of the club has physical challenges which make the use of traditional formats difficult for her. A Kindle would provide her with large print format in a lightweight vehicle.

By making the Kindles available to these two groups, we hope to stir up interest and provide a better fit for the personal needs of group members. Kindles would be loaded with the monthly book club selection, and be made available for checkout to discussion group members. Kindles not in use during any month would be made available to the adult book discussion group at the library as a demonstration of the technology, and to the High School librarian to spark interest in the ya book discussion group.

Charles and JoAnn Lester Library  
An AWE-some library for Kids

10-183  
\$3,700

The area I serve is a rural area that has been hard hit by the economic recession. Since 2000, we have lost over 40% of our manufacturing jobs. Wood County has experienced one of the most rapid growths of homelessness in the entire state of Wisconsin. In August of 2008, I started a Reach Out and Read program that distributes books to children under the age of 5 at each Health Child Visit. The goal of the Reach Out and Read Program is to encourage lower income families to read and to continue with their Healthy Child visits.

I am interested in purchasing an AWE Early Literacy Computer. It is a wonderful system and I have had a chance to work on one firsthand at the Plover Branch Library in Portage County. The AWE Early Literacy Station is a wonderful complement to the work I am already doing in the community. The Early Literacy Station comes preloaded with more than 45 top rated software titles that span 7 educational curriculum areas. The computer is designed to be easy to use and is child sized for kids ages 2-10.

In addition, there is no software to load; it comes preloaded and ready to go. I would like to add the option to get updates for three years which involves plugging in a jumpdrive and letting the computer update, thus keeping the offerings current and up to date.

As a director in a small rural community, our budget is limited but I have always felt that you should be able to go into any library and still be able to have your educational and recreational needs met. This computer would be a huge asset to our community. Many families in our area just don't have money for computers, and as a result, our kids are not ready to work on computers at school age.

This computer system is so important to me that we have reactivated our Friends of the Library Group, we will be hosting a craft show and a number of other fundraising activities so that in time, we will be able to purchase this system. With this grant, we would be able to have one now, and inspire people to contribute toward a second computer in the future.

Included in this application is information regarding the AWE Early Literacy Station.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Fond du Lac Public Library 10-185  
From Podcasting to Vodcasting \$4,293

FDLPL is a focus of discussion and interaction within the community. As part of the growing Art and Entertainment district of the downtown, the library has a long tradition of hosting discussions, exhibitions of the work of local artists, and a variety of entertaining, informative programs for all ages. Along with the strong tradition of children's programs, programming for families and adults has increased dramatically over the last two years. Total program attendance rose from about 17,000 to over 19,000 between 2008 and 2009.

The library began podcasting a variety of programs in 2007 from our electronic branch at [www.FDLPL.org](http://www.FDLPL.org). Selections range from former Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager on Public Access to Information to Talk Turkey with Brian Lovett, a program on turkey hunting. Over 4,000 individuals listened to podcasts in 2008 and the library is on track to exceed that number in 2009.

Thanks to grants from the FINRA Foundation, the library will debut Money Smart U at the end of 2009. As part of this grant, the library will present a variety of programs on financial and investing literacy through 2011. Thanks to the Department of Public Instruction, two full time VISTA volunteers will be organizing programs throughout the county to benefit the nearly 10% of the county workforce that is unemployed.

Adding video recording equipment –fixed in the FDLPL meeting room and portable to be used on library-sponsored programs at other locations – will allow further expansion of programs throughout the county through Vodcasting. This will be of special benefit to rural users and those unable to attend at specific times. The portable equipment will open new doors to learning and positive interaction for children and young adults as well by giving staff and volunteers opportunities to help kids create their own programs. Community partners, such as United Way and the Association of Commerce, will be allowed to use this equipment to record programs for their purposes. Local County and Municipal Government may elect to record meetings, hearings, etc.

Lakeshores Library System 10-187  
LLS Electronic Reader Project \$8,921

In recent years, technology has been continually inventing new ways for people to access new information. In response to this, Lakeshores Library System is proposing to provide electronic reader devices and content to seven member libraries to evaluate their potential in a public library setting. These devices will be used in library to access digital newspaper and magazine subscriptions.

Lakeshores will implement this project by purchasing the readers and subscriptions to the content, loading the readers, preparing promotional material, and training library staff in their use. This is an opportunity to experiment with new technology.

Northern Waters Library Service 10-189  
NWLS Advanced Patron Notification \$19,045

This project will address three areas of need for the residents of the eight counties in Northern Wisconsin served by Merlin, a consortium providing a shared library automation system to libraries in the Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) area. First, it will provide a patron notification system that offers a choice of print, telephone, or email format delivered in a timely, consistent, and friendly manner. Second, the streamlined process of delivering notices to patrons will enable patrons to act more responsibly in returning materials. Third, library staff will be freed of the time and phone lines

previously used in making phone calls, or manually printing and/or emailing notices so they can concentrate their efforts more on patron needs.

The Merlin Consortium relies on staff members and volunteers to fulfill the responsibility of processing and sending both email and print notices for their patrons. Some librarians take an additional step to notify patrons by phone. The Merlin Consortium intends to upgrade the notices feature to allow much of the work to be automated. This process will also be centralized so librarians can view notices before sending them, thus streamlining the process further.

In addition to automating the processing of notices, NWLS staff will purchase and install Teleforms (automatic telephone notification) software from Innovative Interfaces. We will configure the software with the greatest interest for patron need. We will also train librarians in the procedures and maintenance of the program.

NWLS staff will evaluate the project by tracking the notices sent by librarians and by surveying and polling patrons and librarians during the year as to their satisfaction with system notification.

**Platteville Public Library** **10-191**  
**Moving Forward with an Open Source CMS** **\$5,000**

The Platteville Public Library is seeking funds for hardware, software, and staff training so that our stagnant website can be transformed into a “rich media distribution platform” utilizing Word Press as the content management system (CMS). We have our own server; we share a fiber optic network with the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and the Platteville Public School District so we are fortunate to have the bandwidth to create a vibrant, multi-media website. The goal of this grant is for our staff to be able to create content, media, blogs, wikis, podcasts, vodcasts, and screencasts to enhance our website, attract new patrons, and fulfill the goals of our new strategic plan Moving Forward: A Strategic Plan for the Platteville Public Library, 2009-2012. In addition, we would like to incorporate Web 2.0 technologies utilizing our newly acquired skills and new hardware and software funded with this grant into our programming for patrons of all ages.

**Ripon Public Library** **10-193**  
**Enhancing Library Services through Interactive Multimedia** **\$3,769**

Teenagers make up nearly twenty percent of the Ripon Public Library's service population, yet in the community, no business, organization, or location expressly focuses on the needs of this group, outside the school district. Because patron feedback has expressed a desire for such a place, the Ripon Public Library has made it a top priority to provide a safe, positive environment where teens can study, socialize, and pursue leisure activities. As today's teens are far more collaborative, social, and technology-oriented than in years past, the Ripon Public Library must provide innovative technological tools that promote self-expression, collaboration, and learning, while also providing a physical space that will build a sense of belonging, library appreciation, and a community investment in their future.

This space will provide both group and individual seating, a café table and chairs, teen-oriented décor, and a “multimedia workstation” with podcasting, screencasting, vodcasting, and photo editing capabilities, and a music listening station. LSTA funds will be used to pay for the technology portion of this project. The effectiveness of the teen space will be determined usage statistics and survey methods.

In addition, the library has seen an increase in adult library users who seek computer training, while senior patrons maintain a high demand for training. Although the Ripon Public Library currently offers computer-training sessions for beginners, the library sees the need to make this essential, remedial

computer training available to as many patrons as possible. This need can be addressed with the creation of brief, interactive online tutorials that can be accessed from anywhere, at any time.

Using the screencasting equipment installed in the new teen space, the adult services librarian and circulation supervisor will adapt the computer training materials already in use into brief tutorials. These tutorials will be added to the library's web site. Online evaluation forms will be linked to the tutorials to verify that they are informative and easy to use, the library will also monitor web site traffic.

**Waukesha County Federated Library System** 10-195  
**Novelist Select** \$7,750

Building on new content available through Badgerlink, this project will enhance the online catalogs of all libraries in Waukesha County by providing links to read alike titles from the Novelist database from within the catalogs. When a county resident searches for and selects materials a list of similar titles from Novelist will be displayed, providing the added value of readers advisory at the point of where the user needs it. The titles displayed will be those that are in the online catalog and the user will be able to click on them to be taken to the entry in the catalog for that item. This will also help users find available items that they may enjoy if the material they had searched is currently checked out. There are three separate online catalogs in the Waukesha County Federated Library System (WCFLS) and none of them provide added content, other than jacket graphics and reviews from journals. Public relation materials will be created to market this readers advisory service to the public through posters and bookmarks, as well as screencasts highlighting this new service.

Libraries participating in this project are the 16 member libraries of WCFLS: Big Bend Public Library, Brookfield Public Library, Butler Public Library, Delafield Public Library, Alice Baker Memorial Library (Eagle), Elm Grove Public Library, Hartland Public Library, Menomonee Falls Public Library, Mukwonago Public Library, Muskego Public Library, New Berlin Public Library, Town Hall Public Library (Merton), Oconomowoc Public Library, Pewaukee Public Library, Pauline Haass Public Library (Sussex/Lisbon) and the Waukesha Public Library.

**Winneconne Public Library** 10-197  
**Winneconne Community Learning Lab** \$4,983

The grant will be used to establish a computer lab consisting of laptops and presentation equipment. The library will maintain ongoing partnerships with the local school district, home-schooling families, area non-profit organizations, and businesses to offer a variety of instructional sessions to meet the diverse needs and interests of the citizens of our service population, which may range from instruction on Microsoft Office Products to strategies for job exploration to conducting genealogical research. The lab may be used as a conduit for outreach services to a local assisted living home to teach the residents how to use email or other social networking tools to stay connected with family members. Cross-generational relationships will be encouraged between high school age students and elderly community members, as students may receive community service hours toward graduation in exchange for time they spend tutoring elderly on computer usage or assisting patrons with independent learning during established lab exploration times. When the full lab is not in use, laptops may be made available to patrons for use inside the library.

## Web Conferencing Software

Arrowhead Library System 10-411  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

Funds will enable library systems and DLTCCL to demonstrate a uniform software platform for continuing education and meetings. This common application will help to minimize travel time as well as costs for small and large staff training and meetings.

\$1000 per system and to DLTCCL will be allocated toward the purchase of a user license for libraries of all sizes to participate in regional or statewide meetings or workshops by using VoIP and integrated phone conferencing software and enable visual sharing of materials. Software selection will be determined at the fall 2009 meeting of system continuing education coordinators.

Eastern Shores Library System 10-413  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Indianhead Federated Library System 10-415  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Kenosha Public Library 10-417  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Lakeshores Library System 10-419  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Manitowoc-Calumet Library System 10-421  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System 10-423  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Milwaukee County Federated Library System 10-425  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Nicolet Federated Library System 10-427  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Northern Waters Library Service 10-429  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Outagamie Waupaca Library System 10-431  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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South Central Library System 10-433  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Southwest Wisconsin Library System 10-435  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Waukesha County Federated Library System 10-437  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Winding Rivers Library System 10-439  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Winnefox Library System 10-441  
GoToWebinar Software \$1,000

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Wisconsin Valley Library Service	10-443
GoToWebinar Software	\$1,000

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## B. Special Needs

### Accessibility – Public Library Systems

Arrowhead Library System	10-201
Arrowhead Libraries Become More Accessible	\$7,500

The Arrowhead Library System will make the member libraries more accessible by improving the computer workstations at the member libraries with a variety of accessories for those with low vision, mobility, and other disabilities such as arthritis and muscular diseases that prevent them from using the standard computer equipment.

Eastern Shores Library System	10-203
Accessibility at ESLs Libraries	\$7,800

In 2006, 2007 and 2009 Eastern Shores Library System received funds to assist the thirteen public libraries in serving residents with various accessibility challenges. The libraries depending on their individual needs have received and are using: sound amplification devices, adapted keyboards, wheelchairs, wheeled walkers and/or shopping carts, hand magnifiers and portable full spectrum lighting and other adaptive equipment. Therefore, the ESLs staff decided to survey the libraries for possible areas of accessibility concerns.

The survey identified a need for two accessibility devices, electronic door openers and large screen monitors. Of the five libraries in Ozaukee County only one does not have an electronic door opener. That library has hopes of building a new library in the near future. In Sheboygan County only three of the eight libraries do not have some type of electronic door opener. Unfortunately installation of an electronic door at one of those three libraries is not possible due to the structure and age of the building.

One library in ESLs recently replaced their monitors and has all 19” monitors. Another library has one monitor on order. None of the other thirteen libraries has this equipment for the visually impaired.

Oostburg Public Library (service population of 5,334) and the Elkhart Lake Public Library in Elkhart Lake (service population of 3,101) are the libraries that would receive funding for the electronic door openers. Preliminary quotes for the electronic doors openers amount to \$4250 per door. Both library Friends groups have committed to providing the additional funds necessary to cover costs in excess of what is available in this grant. A 19” Dell UltraSharp Flat panel monitor (with height adjustable stands

and a three-year warranty) would be placed in ten of the libraries (Cedar Grove, Cedarburg, Grafton, Kohler, Mequon, Port Washington, Random Lake, Saukville, Sheboygan, Sheboygan Falls).

ESLS will assist the member libraries in purchasing the equipment. ESLS staff has already identified a local company who has provided quotes for the purchase and installation of the electronic door openers. ESLS staff and the librarians from Oostburg and Elkhart Lake will prepare publicity for the new door openers. ESLS staff has received a quote on the monitors. ESLS will deliver the monitors and be available for installation and training if needed. ESLS staff will publicize information on the grant.

Indianhead Federated Library System	10-205
Vision and Mobility Aids	\$9,900

Forty three public libraries in the Indianhead Federated Library System ranked their top priorities for several kinds of accessibility-enhancing equipment. Because the system is so large and diverse, with different sizes, populations, and space considerations, our selections are diverse. Libraries will receive at least their first two choices of the following:

1. Magnifier Kit with a variety of kinds of high-quality magnifiers
2. Full-spectrum desk lamp
3. Full-spectrum floor lamp
4. Walker
5. Shopping Cart
6. Wheelchair

IFLS will coordinate ordering and delivery of items, and will also publicize libraries' new items by sending information to the Center for Independent Living of Western Wisconsin and the Aging and Disability Resource Centers in each county.

Kenosha Public Library	10-207
Accessibility - Kenosha	\$7,500

Kenosha Public Library is applying on behalf of Kenosha County Library System for a total of \$7,500 as designated in the noncompetitive grant category for "Accessibility in Public Libraries / Public Library Systems." The purpose of the grant is to purchase assistive equipment, technology, and software to enhance the use of member libraries by patrons with visual, hearing, and/or mobility disabilities.

In order to determine equipment most needed at all KCLS locations, front-line and supervisory Public Services staff were polled for suggestions of adaptive equipment and technology. High priority was given to equipment that Special Needs patrons had requested, as reported by staff.

The funds will be used to purchase:

- Two laptops with large-screen monitors to be equipped with JAWS and MAGic to enhance computer and Internet use by patrons with visual impairments. One laptop will be housed at Southwest Library (Kenosha Public Library's largest branch) and the other will be housed at Salem Library (Community Library's largest branch). Similar equipment and software was purchased with 2009 LSTA funds to be housed at Kenosha Public Library's Northside branch, the system's primary Special Needs facility.
- Portable, illuminated and non-illuminated magnifiers will be purchased for in-library use at Southwest, Northside, and Salem libraries.

- Two personal listening systems similar to PocketTalker Pro to enhance access to meetings and programs by patrons with hearing impairments. These will be housed at Northside and Southwest Libraries and made available to programs at all system libraries and branches by request.
- Three wheeled walkers and three small shopping carts will be purchased for Kenosha Public Library's two larger branches to enhance accessibility by patrons with mobility challenges.

This project will fulfill Strategy #3: Diversify Collections and Services as cited in Adults with Special Needs Resource and Planning Guide for Wisconsin's Public Libraries. It will provide "access to adaptive equipment" and offer improved "access for Adults with Special Needs to library resources and programs through technology" by providing additional "assistive technology where needed to ensure access to electronic resources." It will also fulfill Strategy #5: and "ensure that public library collections, services, and buildings are fully accessible and inviting to adults with special needs and their families and advocates."

Basic training on use of JAWS and MAGic will be provided for front-line staff with installation of 2009 grant laptops. Grant Administrator will ensure staff at all agencies are made aware of the existence of the adaptive equipment. Kenosha Public Library's Head of Administrative Services will utilize normal publicity channels, as well as agencies such as Kenosha County's Division of Aging and Disability Services, to advertise the availability of adaptive equipment purchased with this grant.

**Lakeshores Library System** **10-209**  
**Enhancing Accessibility for Library Patrons** **\$8,400**

"Enhancing Accessibility for Library Patrons" will enable the member libraries of Lakeshores Library System to provide adaptable technology to a wider number of patrons in their communities through the purchase of portable digital magnifiers and pocket talker portable listening devices. Individuals who are unable to read fine print and those unable to hear clearly in one on one situations will be able to better utilize library materials and services.

This project includes the following activities:

- 1) Purchasing portable digital magnifiers for all 15 Lakeshores member libraries.
- 2) Purchasing pocket talker portable listening devices for all 15 Lakeshores member libraries.
- 3) Providing training in accessibility issues to library staff and trustees.
- 4) Collaborating with local agencies to market the availability of the portable digital magnifiers and the pocket talker portable listening devices.
- 5) Publicizing the portable digital magnifiers and the pocket talker portable listening devices through the local media and brochures.

This is an excellent opportunity to enhance library services in Lakeshores Library System.

**Manitowoc-Calumet Library System** **10-211**  
**MCLS Accessibility in Public Libraries - 2010** **\$6,900**

This project will help the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System (MCLS) and its six member libraries address the accessibility needs of its users with hearing impairments. Under this grant, each of the libraries will purchase and use portable microphone and sound systems at meetings and programs. This purchase will allow library users with hearing impairments the ability to hear meetings and programs held in the library. This grant will serve as an awareness training on hearing impairments for the staff of the 6 system libraries.

LSTA funds will be used to pay for the purchase of portable microphones and sound systems to be used in meeting rooms in each of the 6 member libraries- Manitowoc, Two Rivers, Chilton, New Holstein, Brillion and Kiel. Library programming and Board meetings are held in these rooms. Pricing for a wireless microphone/ speaker system is around \$1000 per unit, so \$6000 of the grant will go toward making the 6 libraries' meeting rooms hearing accessible.

Under the grant, the new equipment will be installed and used at least at 5 different meetings or programs at each library. A workshop on hearing impairments will be held as a part of the grant to educate staff and create awareness on working with patrons with hearing impairments. The workshop will work with area health and aging agencies as well as the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. Representatives of these groups will present information for the workshop. The workshop will be paid for as a part of the grant.

MCLS will assist all member libraries in the procurement of the sound systems and will set up and arrange the training. Member Libraries will use the sound systems with programs in their libraries. The equipment will also be used at the Library System Board meetings which rotate among the member libraries.

The individual libraries will advertise the availability of the sound system in their programs and meeting announcements. MCLS will send publicity to the area newspapers on the grant and will advertise and promote the workshop.

The grant will involve collaboration with local health and aging agencies as well as State organizations that work with the deaf and hearing impaired.

Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System	10-213
MWFLS Mobility Accommodations Grant	\$8,700

To provide accommodations for people with mobility limitations at the 27 MWFLS member libraries. Each library will be allotted \$322 to be used for the purchase of wheelchairs, wheeled walkers with seats and/or shopping carts. The funds may also be used toward the purchase of workstation carts or tables to accommodate those using wheelchairs (additional local funds will be required).

Milwaukee County Federated Library System	10-215
MCFLS Accessibility in Public Libraries - 2010	\$13,800

MCFLS plans to utilize the 2010 Accessibility in Public Libraries Grant funds toward purchasing and installing adaptive equipment and accessories needed to increase accessibility for people of all ages who have vision, mobility, or hearing loss difficulties. The system will provide the necessary support for staff to use the equipment and the system will assist participating libraries as needed with the use of appropriate marketing techniques to help reach the targeted audience. Each of our 15 member libraries is being allocated funds based on population served (minimum \$400) for purchase of adaptive equipment and accessories. All orders will be administered centrally by MCFLS to guarantee appropriate purchase of items. MCFLS distributes an order form to each library who then returns it to MCFLS with items indicated for ordering by MCFLS. Any order that exceeds the allocated amount can still be purchased, but local funds from the library must be used. MCFLS supplied a suggested list of possible equipment (with prices) along with a list of allocation amounts for each library. MCFLS also supplied web addresses to catalogs from adaptive equipment websites. Libraries then make their own choices.

Nicolet Federated Library System 10-217  
NFLS Accessibility - Wheelchairs in Libraries \$9,600

Recognizing that many elderly and handicapped library users have difficulty walking through a library, NFLS member libraries will be given wheelchairs in order to provide a safe mobility device that can be used by anyone with mobility limitations to more readily access library collections and programs. Wheelchairs were requested by the NFLS member librarians as the assistive device they felt would be most helpful to their library users.

Northern Waters Library Service 10-219  
NWLS Accessibility in Public Libraries \$7,200

Grant funds will be used to continue the work of the 2009 Accessibility in Public Libraries project. NWLS plans to use grant funds to install electronic door openers at the Superior Public Library and the Koller Library in Manitowish Waters. The remaining funds will be used to purchase wheeled walkers, shopping carts and magnifiers for member libraries.

Outagamie Waupaca Library System 10-221  
Hearing Loop Systems for OWLS Libraries \$8,100

Hearing loss is considered one of the most prevalent disabilities. As a library's role as a community center increases in importance, so does the need to find better ways to serve patrons with hearing loss in programs and meeting room environments. Libraries have traditionally attempted to serve the needs of those with hearing loss through adaptive technologies such as FM receivers; however, these technologies have many disadvantages and often go unused after a large investment. Hearing loops, while not a new technology, are a cost-effective and appealing way to provide hearing assistance in rooms where they are installed offering a discrete way for patrons with hearing aids the ability to activate their t-coil and have a personal in-the-ear loudspeaker.

The Outagamie Waupaca Library System is applying for a 2010 LSTA Public Library System Accessibility in Public Libraries Grant to install a hearing loop system in the Appleton Public Library and the Waupaca Area Public Library. The installation and implementation is anticipated to cost \$13,802. This grant will fund \$8,100 of the cost, and the remaining \$5,602 will be covered by OWLS. The local libraries will create and distribute promotional materials. We will work with Fox Valley Hearing Loop, LLC and Arrow Audio to install and promote the availability public meeting spaces with hearing loops to the medical and general community.

South Central Library System 10-223  
Accessibility in Public Libraries \$12,600

The South Central Library System's (SCLS) Accessibility in Public Libraries 2010 LSTA grant will provide funds for SCLS member libraries to purchase adaptive technologies and other adaptive devices to upgrade public computer workstations. SCLS and participating member libraries will work with community organizations to identify target audience, to identify appropriate adaptive technologies and devices, to train library staff and to help market new library devices, resources and programs to target audience.

The 7 counties served by SCLS greatly vary from one another and the needs of our member libraries are very diverse. Participating libraries will clearly identify the specific resources, adaptive technologies and devices they need to deliver the best possible service to their patrons with special needs. For some libraries this will be installing upgraded screen reader software; other libraries will need to purchase

large monitors or keyboard cords longer than 72 inches. The intent of this grant is to make it easier for patrons with special needs to visit and use the resources of their public libraries.

**Southwest Wisconsin Library System** 10-225  
**Improving Accessibility in SW Wisconsin** \$7,200

The public libraries in the Southwest Wisconsin Library System are continually working towards increasing the accessibility of their libraries to those with disabilities. This grant will aid them to address the issues of mobility and hearing loss. Seventeen of the member libraries will receive wheeled carts and seven of the member libraries will receive portable individual sound amplifiers.

**Waukesha County Federated Library System** 10-227  
**Accessibility Sounds and Sights** \$9,300

The purpose of this project is to promote and demonstrate the role public libraries play in meeting the information needs of people with disabilities. Funds will provide member libraries with opportunities to accommodate those with hearing loss. In addition, funds will purchase two computers with a 25.5" monitor with touch screen technology to accommodate those with visual impairments as well as those with problems using a traditional mouse.

The Waukesha County Federated Library System is proposing to spend the \$9,300 in this noncompetitive category on the following sound systems: 1) one battery powered portable sound system with a wireless PA system (for large areas); 2) two battery powered portable wireless pa systems (for up to 1,000 people); and, 3) one smaller pa system to use in an audience of up to 150 people. We are also proposing to spend these funds on two Hewlett-Packard HP TouchSmart Desktop PCs. This equipment will be available to all member libraries as requested.

This project involves three objectives: 1) to increase the opportunity for member libraries to accommodate people with hearing loss during library programs by providing amplification systems when requested. 2) to increase participation of individuals with vision loss and/or the need for a mouse alternative in library programming, such as web/internet classes, by offering all member libraries the opportunity to request an HP TouchSmart Desktop PC on an as-needed basis; 3) to offer training to member libraries on how to use this equipment. Marketing support will be offered to member libraries to promote the availability of such technology.

**Winding Rivers Library System** 10-229  
**Accessibility Assistance 2010** \$8,400

Winding Rivers Library System is providing an opportunity for eight member libraries, in Ettrick, Independence, Necedah, New Lisbon, Onalaska, Osseo, Taylor, and Wonewoc, to make their services more accessible to persons with vision and mobility disabilities by acquiring and promoting adaptive equipment in the library. Hauge Memorial Library in Osseo will also arrange for the retrofit of its public entrance door, to improve access for persons with disabilities.

Each of the participating libraries will receive a large monitor to enhance access for persons with low vision. All eight libraries will receive high-contrast large print keyboards and alternative mice. Several libraries will receive an easily adjustable table or workstation which will meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for wheelchair access. Several libraries will receive a mini-shopping cart for use in the library, perfect for walking support, which can be enjoyed by patrons with diverse mobility needs.

Library staff will receive training in using the equipment, will promote the equipment to target audiences, and will demonstrate it in a program in their communities. Large print “help sheets,” developed for the project, will assist patrons in using the equipment.

Winnefox Library System 10-231  
Winnefox Accessibility Grants \$8,700

Winnefox intends to offer a grant program to member libraries to achieve the purposes of this grant. Libraries will be asked to match grant funds with 25% of the project costs coming from local funds.

Libraries will be required to submit an application explaining how the funds will be used, how staff will be trained, how the project will be publicized, marketed and evaluated, and how other community groups will be involved.

In the case of more funds being requested than available a committee of representative library directors will evaluate the applications and recommend which libraries should receive grants. If grant requests do not equal funds available libraries may receive funding above 75% of the project costs.

Wisconsin Valley Library Service 10-233  
Accessibility in WVLS Public Libraries \$8,400

Wisconsin Valley Library Service will utilize the Accessibility in Public Libraries LSTA funding to upgrade public computer workstation accommodations to increase accessibility for people of all ages with disabilities. This 2010 project will target library users with visual impairments by purchasing and installing a 22 inch flat panel computer monitor in each member library and in several branches.

The system will coordinate a bulk purchase of the monitors, and will assist member libraries as needed with marketing the improved library computer and internet accessibility to the target audience.

## Job Search & Employment Support

Appleton Public Library 10-235  
JobSpot@APL \$15,234

Due to the overwhelming number of unemployed workers, underemployed workers and workers needing to update their skills to keep their current jobs, libraries must provide a variety of employment assistance. This project proposes to demonstrate and promote the role of the public library in providing job seeking resources and job skills education for the people of the Fox Valley area. We propose creating a job center within the library and providing training opportunities on employment resources for jobseekers and librarians.

Our proposal will include a full range of help from identifying available jobs to interviewing skills and succeeding in a new job. The library already provides basic computer use classes that are free and open to the public, but we are not currently equipped to address the increasing needs of the unemployed and underemployed population. State and local organizations offering job searching help are doing their best to address the need, but their hours are limited and help is not available on weekends or during evening hours. The library can provide job seeking help for expanded hours and serve a group of people who need access when the State’s Workforce Development offices are closed or whose family situations make evening and weekend hours the only convenient job search times.

Our program, called Job Spot@APL will provide a specific location very visible within the library with access to many job searching resources in one place. This will require hardware with current quality

software for creating, editing and submitting resumes online; practicing interviewing skills using webcam technology and media for updating a variety of workplace skills. A permanent workstation will be equipped with a desktop computer, a webcam and scanner/copier. The permanent workstation will also include a separate collection of training and instructional media aimed specifically at the job seeking and skills upgrading process and provide an accessible facility to use them.

The Job Spot@APL project also proposes to provide training opportunities for the staff at Appleton and Outagamie Waupaca libraries to help librarians become more proficient in providing focused assistance. The training opportunities will also include free, public workshops for the job seeker provided by both library staff and by partnering with Fox Valley Technical College.

**Arrowhead Library System** 10-237  
**Arrowhead Libraries Assist Job Seekers** \$20,000

The Arrowhead Library System will assist those in Rock County who are seeking employment by providing job skills computer classes, resume workshops, programs about starting your own business, and materials in a variety of formats that will assist job seekers. A designated computer with software for job seekers will be purchased and available at each of the public libraries in Rock County in the communities of Janesville, Beloit, Clinton, Edgerton, Milton, Evansville and Orfordville. Working with agencies that are providing assistance to job seekers, including the Rock County Workforce Development staff, Community Action, and the nonprofit Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, Arrowhead will provide continuing education for staff at the libraries. The service agencies and library staff have requested programs on stress reduction; poverty simulation; dealing with customers who are stressed because of job losses and reduced incomes; and computer training for assisting job seekers.

**Eastern Shores Library System** 10-239  
**Improving Employment Skills in ESLs** \$19,400

Eastern Shores Library System is composed of two counties: Sheboygan and Ozaukee. Unemployment has hit part of the System especially hard. The City of Sheboygan's unemployment rate stood at 12.1 percent as of July 2009. The county's jobless rate was 9.3 percent. Ozaukee County had an unemployment rate of 7.9 percent in July.

All libraries in the System report working with unemployed individuals. Some are rather overwhelmed by the time and effort needed to help the unemployed due to their lack of computer skills and education. The Sheboygan County Job Center is also overwhelmed by the unemployment situation. Brian Ognacevic of the Job Center, at a recent workshop, encouraged libraries to continue providing workshops on; interviewing skills, resume and cover letter writing, basic computer skills, Microsoft Office and Internet skills. He stated the need for higher education in a changing job market. A high school diploma or even higher educational requirements will be necessary as manufacturing jobs change and become more specialized.

To provide these workshops our libraries need additional computer equipment. This grant will provide a portable lab of 5 laptop computers and a projector. The lab will rotate among the libraries through the ESLs delivery system. Instructors from area technical colleges, UW-Sheboygan, Sheboygan County Job Center and local high school teachers will conduct the workshops. Communities with the highest levels of unemployment will be given priority when scheduling workshops.

In addition to the portable lab, this grant will provide a subscription to LearningExpress Library. The subscription will include the basic component, the writing improvement program and the computer skills tutorials. Libraries could also present workshops on these resources with the portable lab.

ESLS staff will order the equipment and LearningExpress Library. The lab will be owned and maintained by the System. The System and the libraries will publicize the workshops and LearningExpress.

The current unemployment situation is not likely to change for Eastern Shores Library System. According to Mr. Ognacevic, “approx. 200 Thomas Industries workers will be let go between now (August 26, 2009) and the end of the year, plus I am still seeing a lot of smaller employers downsizing as well.” This grant will provide libraries additional resources to serve unemployed individuals and meet their needs.

Fond du Lac Public Library 10-241  
Fond du Lac County Jobs Initiative \$16,580

Unemployment rates in the city of Fond du Lac and Fond du Lac County have more than doubled since last year at this time and are both higher than the overall unemployment rate in Wisconsin. During times of high unemployment the public libraries in Fond du Lac County are a place where the unemployed can turn to access free services such as the Internet, word processing tools, and print materials like resume writing books. Over the course of the last year, the libraries in Fond du Lac County have seen their circulation statistics rise 4% to 18% and have seen substantially more patrons using their public access computers for searching and applying for jobs and using their word processing software for resume and cover letter writing.

Because Fond du Lac County has generally had a manufacturing-based workforce, the transition to other professions has produced the need to provide patrons with information on the basic computer skills they need to find and be successful in new jobs. The Fond du Lac Public Library, by far the largest library in the county, has offered programs on basic computing skills and resume building in partnership with the Fond du Lac Job and Career Center. However, for the 50,000 or so residents in Fond du Lac County that live outside of the Fond du Lac city limits, attending these programs is not necessarily possible.

A mobile computer lab will allow a further expansion of programs throughout the county by providing the rural libraries with the resources they need to offer employment-based programming to those residents who cannot travel to Fond du Lac. Many of the rural libraries in the county including Oakfield, Campbellsport, Brandon, Ripon, and North Fond du Lac, simply do not have enough access to computers to offer these programs. The portable equipment will allow these libraries the flexibility to set up computer labs in their library meeting rooms where they can hold resume workshops, basic computer skill workshops, or any other relevant employment-based programming. Courtesy of the Department of Public Instruction, two full time VISTA volunteers will help organize these programs throughout the county. Primary trainers will be FDLPL Information Services Librarians Lori Burgess and Mary Leb and volunteers from Moraine Park Technical College. Some classes may be offered in Spanish as well.

Indianhead Federated Library System 10-243  
Resources for Job Seekers \$16,550

Like the rest of the state and country, the Indianhead Federated Library System region has been hit hard by the economic downturn, with significantly increasing unemployment rates. Two counties, Rusk and Price, are consistently ranked near the top of the state for unemployment rates. IFLS will work with Job Centers and Job Service providers, giving them more tools to help job seekers prepare for a changing job market. In addition, IFLS will provide more resources for libraries in our region—also on the front lines of helping people affected by the economic downturn.

IFLS will purchase a year-long subscription to Learning Express Database, building on relationships developed in the past year to promote the database. Job Center staff and Job Service providers, along

with librarians and a media campaign will promote the use of the database. The media campaign will also promote use of the IFLS/WVLS Jobs Website, created as part of the 2009 LSTA Jobs Grant.

In addition, IFLS will provide two workshops. In one, library staff will learn to write press releases and interact with the media (giving interviews). In another, presenters will share information and ideas for simple, low-cost programs that will be useful to families experiencing economic challenges and hardship.

**Madison Public Library** 10-245  
**Finding Jobs and Creating Careers** \$15,590

In 2009, Madison Public Library received funds from a South Central Library System LSTA Jobs grant in order to conduct a series of drop-in job training sessions at the Central Library. These sessions were very popular and exit survey data showed that we were able to reach our target audience of low-income, unemployed persons in our community and that 100% of participants found the sessions useful.

For 2010, we are seeking LSTA funds to continue the service at our Central Library and expand the project to three branch libraries – Meadowridge, South Madison, and Pinney. These three branches are located in or near neighborhoods most affected by poverty and chronic unemployment. By reaching out to these affected areas, we intend to help individuals directly, but also strengthen our relationships with other community organizations in order to share information more efficiently and publicize all our services more widely.

The project would include 120 3-hour drop-in sessions at four libraries (\$7200), 15 workshops on job seeking skills and computer training skills related to job seeking (\$3000), and 4 workshops on job-related internet training in Spanish (\$640). Additional LSTA funds would be used for increasing library materials related to job skills and career exploration in English and Spanish at all four libraries (\$4750).

We will partner with the Dane County Job Service, Meadowood Community Center, UW-Madison's The Writing Center, The Goodman Community Center, Urban League of Greater Madison, and the Madison Community Foundation.

The library will provide a project manager, library staff-led children's programming for 24 of the training sessions, promotional materials, web conferencing software, and two laptop computers for the drop in sessions for a total of \$23,114 in local funds.

This grant will supplement a year-long project at Madison Public Library with an Americorps VISTA member who is focusing on building a network of like-minded agencies to share all job assistance, job placement and computer training opportunities among government agencies, area non-profits, public libraries and the general public. Additional support comes from a grant from the Madison Community Foundation.

**Manitowoc-Calumet Library System** 10-247  
**Work Skills Training through MCLS** \$13,036

Manitowoc and Calumet Counties are suffering from higher than average unemployment rates, (peaking earlier this year at 10.9% and 8.8%, respectively) and a workforce that while skilled in industrial trades or agriculture, are new to information technology. In order to champion this displaced workforce, Manitowoc Calumet Library System (MCLS) is proposing this Work Skills Training Program that will both utilize the latest available technology and give our part-time staff opportunities to expand their hours while training participants in the county system.

The Work Skills Training Program will provide computer and job searching skills workshops at each of the six MCLS-member libraries through the use of a portable computer lab which may be used in each library's meeting room. Each computer lab will consist of five laptop computers, a wireless printer and support equipment, all used in conjunction with projectors, screens and wireless Internet connections purchased through earlier grants. The availability of the portable lab will enable each library to offer classes in the most conducive teaching environment.

Three workshops will be offered at each location. They will cover computer skills, job searching skills, and Learning Express software respectively. The lab will be available at each building for four consecutive weeks, so each library may schedule training to best meet the needs of their patrons. Each library will further designate a part-time employee who will work additional hours under contract with MCLS to coordinate grant activities and teach classes.

At a system level, MCLS will create and maintain an employment help web page to coordinate and focus employment resources for all member libraries' patrons. The system will also coordinate the continuing access to Learning Express.

To achieve the goals of the Work Skills Training Program, MCLS will partner with Fox Valley Technical College in Calumet County and Lakeshore CAP in Manitowoc County.

Milwaukee Public Library	10-249
Job Assistance Drop-In Labs	\$20,000

The Job Assistance Drop-In Labs (job labs) at Milwaukee Public Library provide personal assistance to job seekers. Contract employees are selected and trained by MPL staff. Training includes job searching strategies, completing online applications, writing resumes and cover letters and providing good customer service. The labs are scheduled regularly in several locations and provide the job seeker with sound, reliable and individual assistance. Working with partners, the library will increase the job seekers knowledge of the great variety of resources, services and agencies available to provide assistance to them.

Job lab sessions are currently available at the Central Library and 6 neighborhood libraries and are supported by LSTA funds and private grants. The lab at the Forest Home Library offers assistance in both English and Spanish. Each location currently provides service for three hours on a regularly scheduled day and time and is staffed by one or two specialists. People sign in as they arrive and are helped by the staff with whatever job-related tasks they need to accomplish.

The job training specialists sit down with the patron and help with everything from instruction on moving the cursor to composing a cover letter and attaching it to an online application. The staff does not do the work for them, but is able to direct applicants to appropriate web sites, provide directions on what to do next, answer their questions and provide encouragement. The specialists are often teaching computer skills that will be useful in a work environment while helping them attain employment.

LSTA grant money is requested for continuing this valuable service. As an enhancement to the existing program, the Library will provide information on the "soft skills" needed to be a successful applicant and employee. After consulting with library partners and doing additional research on soft skills, informational handouts will be developed. Content will include having a good work ethic, working in a team, what it takes to be a good employee, etc. Book and media materials to support soft skills will be purchased for all neighborhood libraries and Central. All funds will be administered at Central.

The partnerships created through this grant will provide easier access to job information and assistance to the unemployed and underemployed in Milwaukee. They will also raise the visibility of the Library in

the community by promoting our services in new places and with other agencies providing service to the unemployed.

**Northern Waters Library Service** 10-251  
**Bringing Jobs to Northern Wisconsin** \$20,000

Unemployment in Wisconsin is very high; according to Department of Workforce Development (DWD) data, 8.7% of state residents were unemployed in July, 2009. The rate among the eight counties served by Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) is even higher at 9.3%. Indeed, unemployment rates in Ashland (10.4%) and Iron (11.4%) are in the double digits.

While DWD offers assistance to job-seekers, distance is a barrier to those who may use its services. The Northwest region serves 10 counties covering more than 10,600 square miles with a staff of seven spread across four offices. No other region serves an area greater than 8,560 square miles and no other region has a staff of fewer than ten employees.

This project will attempt to resolve the challenges job seekers in the NWLS area face in acquiring assistance from DWD staff by:

- Creating a collection of print and electronic resources for job-seekers that are available in 28 public libraries throughout the service area and on the web
- Training library staff to help job seekers
- Providing DWD staff a place to provide drop-in service outside their service centers by making library space and resources available to them

**South Central Library System** 10-253  
**Job Seekers and Libraries** \$20,000

Libraries are busier than ever and are providing more and more services with fewer resources. Many stories have been written recently about libraries offering classes to assist job-seeking patrons, opening up job centers, and how patrons are using the library more than ever in these troubled economic times.

The Job Seeker and Libraries project will help our member libraries provide the best possible service to their public. Library staff will have access to training from job search experts. Libraries will be able to provide additional patron training opportunities. Patrons will have access to additional resources - computer tutorials and business and career related audiobooks - to improve their skills and knowledge when it's convenient for them.

MATC Madison and the UW Writing Center will partner with SCLS again to provide patron training opportunities at member libraries. Continuing partnerships with Workforce Development Boards, Dane County Job Service, and the Department of Workforce Development will ensure that our library staff is prepared to help the job seeking public.

**Southwest Wisconsin Library System** 10-255  
**Teaching Computer Skills in SW Wisconsin** \$19,800

The Southwest Wisconsin Library System serves five counties in the southwest corner of Wisconsin. This area is mostly rural with no communities above 10,000 in population. Like most of the state, this area has been hard hit by the recession. The majority of people in the counties are involved in agriculture or manufacturing. In the past year, many of the manufacturing companies have closed area plants, relocating to other states or overseas. The farming community is now faced with the dual pressures of

historically low prices and rapidly increasing costs of production. Many farmers are looking for ways to save the family farm—even if that means looking for off-farm work to supplement the family income.

In this area, it's not just the number of people unemployed that is problematic, it's also the challenges that those who are unemployed face.

Given the nature of employment in our area, it will be difficult for people to find employment once the economy does bounce back. Many manufacturing jobs won't be coming back, and once people leave farming, it's unlikely that they will return.

Many of those unemployed or underemployed in our area lack the skills to compete for jobs in a 21st century economy. Our member libraries are reporting an increasing number of job seekers who have no computer skills at all. Using a mouse to point and click on a computer screen requires considerable staff intervention. People who do not have computers at home, much less experience using the internet, are being instructed to fill out benefit forms online. Libraries in the SWLS area are overwhelmed by the new demand on the resources they have in both hardware and staff.

This grant seeks to provide assistance to member libraries by providing a series of classes on basic computer skills and using the internet as a tool to find a new job. Working with Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, the Wisconsin Farm Center and the Job Center satellite located on the SW WI Tech College campus, we will be able to our target audience. It is anticipated that at the conclusion of this grant, the computer skills of many unemployed and underemployed people in southwest Wisconsin.

**Waukesha County Federated Library System  
Helping Patrons in the Job Market**

**10-257  
\$18,000**

The purpose of this project is to promote and demonstrate the role of public libraries in meeting the needs of people in Waukesha County who are facing employment challenges by providing programs and an online resource to help people improve their skills for today's job market. The Waukesha County Federated Library System (WCFLS) will use the funds being applied for in this competitive Jobs grant category to help people in Waukesha County who are unemployed or under-employed by providing programs to the public in participating WCFLS member libraries on job information sessions including resume writing, interviewing tips, networking, job searching, and entrepreneurship. Twelve out of sixteen WCFLS member libraries are interested in participating: Big Bend, Brookfield, Alice Baker Memorial Library (Eagle), Elm Grove, Delafield, Hartland, Mukwonago, Muskego, Pewaukee, New Berlin, Pauline Haass Public Library (Sussex-Lisbon), and Waukesha. These sessions will be coordinated by the Library System's Reference Librarian working with the Workforce Development Center and the Small Business Center, both located on the Waukesha County Technical College campus in Pewaukee, and participating WCFLS member libraries. Funds will also be used to cover the cost of a one-year subscription to an online resource, Learning Express Library, which contains interactive courses and practice tests related to helping people improve their job skills, test preparation, computer skills, as well as basic skills such as mathematics and reading comprehension. This online resource will be available through all sixteen WCFLS member libraries: Big Bend, Brookfield, Butler, Delafield, Alice Baker Memorial Library (Eagle), Elm Grove, Hartland, Menomonee Falls, Mukwonago, Muskego, New Berlin, Town Hall Library (located in North Lake), Oconomowoc, Pewaukee, Pauline Haass Public Library (Sussex-Lisbon), and Waukesha. A Spanish language section of this online resource will also help Waukesha County residents whose primary language is Spanish. La Casa de Esperanza Workforce has agreed to help promote this resource to their Spanish-speaking clientele. A portion of the grant will also be used to help with the marketing component to promote both the Learning Express Library online resource and the job information sessions for the public held at participating WCFLS member libraries.

Waukesha County Federated Library System is proposing to spend a total of \$18,000 in this competitive Jobs category on the following: not more than \$5,500 to cover the total costs for presenting to the public job information sessions at participating WCFLS member libraries; \$12,200 for Learning Express Library online library resource, and \$300 for marketing to promote both Learning Express Library and the job information sessions held at participating WCFLS member libraries.

## Literacy

**Burlington Public Library** 10-261  
**Early Literacy and Computer Skills** \$7,250

In the City of Burlington, children under the age of 10 make up 15% of the population. Of those children, 7.1% come from single-parent homes, and 3.7% of all families are living below poverty level. According to the Burlington Area School District, 23% of their students receive free or reduced price lunch. The Spanish-speaking population is growing rapidly, making up 4.5 % of the total. The percentage of Burlington households speaking a language other than English at home is 5.2%.

While the Burlington Public Library actively continues to offer an active series of programming for area children and maintains a vital collection of materials for circulation and in-house use, we would like to better address the early literacy needs of our youngest of patrons, aged two through ten. Most of these children do not have access to computers at home, and others have parents who speak a language other than English. Both situations put these children at risk of repeating the cycle of illiteracy.

Our budget does not allow for the purchase of a dedicated children’s computer. An LSTA grant would enable us to purchase two Early Literacy Computer Stations, an English Edition and a Bilingual Spanish Edition. These self-contained stations are child friendly, touch screen computers that literally “open the door to a lifetime of learning”. Equipped with a keyboard and mouse, each computer comes fully loaded with educational software covering seven curricular areas – 45 titles in the English edition, and 31 English and 31 Spanish in the Bilingual Spanish Edition. The Bilingual Spanish Edition features an enhanced multimedia, kid-friendly menu that “knows” how to speak to the children in either language.

We would like to provide a leg up to those children who are at risk of falling behind before they even start preschool. With an engaging, interactive means to learn and hone English and Spanish languages at very early ages, our children will not have to struggle as much as they begin and progress through school. We intend to hold training sessions for staff, enabling everyone to be able to assist young patrons on the Early Literacy Stations in a culturally sensitive, welcoming manner. Additionally, we would like to purchase a child-sized table and four chairs to support the computer stations, further creating an informal, inviting atmosphere.

**Dane County Library Service** 10-263  
**Outreach to the Dane County Jail System** \$7,622

This grant will address the diverse literacy needs of those incarcerated in the Dane County Jail.

The objectives of this grant are: 1. To encourage literacy among the inmates in the Dane County Jail System by purchasing a collection of high interest/low level reading books and magazines in English and Spanish for a targeted population of 805. 2. To provide a monthly book discussion group for a targeted population of 100 inmates. 3. To increase the awareness of public library resources for reading and independent learning by providing a targeted population of 150 Dane County Jail residents with LINKcat online catalog training sessions and access to library information and card applications. 4. To increase

staff understanding and sensitivity to inmates by attending Returning Prisoner Simulation Workshop sponsored by the Madison-Area Urban Ministry.

The objectives of this grant will provide us with a framework of training and materials that will support the literacy needs of inmates incarcerated in the Dane County Jail System.

Because many of those incarcerated at the Dane County Jail struggle with learning disabilities, it's important to provide access to literacy material tailored to a variety of abilities. The current jail library holdings consist entirely of random donated materials which fail to meet the needs of the diverse jail population. This grant will increase the number of high interest/low level reading materials available to inmates. This grant will also address the lack of Spanish language materials available for inmates. By providing materials that are tailored specifically to meet the diverse needs of inmates, this grant will make literacy accessible for a larger population of those incarcerated in the Dane County Jail.

Dane County Library Service will collaborate with the Jail Library Group and the Madison Metropolitan School District to provide a monthly book discussion group at the Dane County Jail. Book Discussion groups will provide motivation to read and allow inmates a chance to sharpen their literacy skills. Book Discussion Groups provide a sense of community as they allow inmates a chance to relate with others through the exchange of opinions and ideas.

LINKcat online library catalog training will be offered to inmates who are currently working on receiving their high school diploma from the Madison Metropolitan School District. We will also offer these students an opportunity to apply for a library card and a library information packet.

This grant will provide inmates at the Dane County Jail a wide array of literacy materials and educational support. Literacy skills are a key component in determining inmate recidivism. Studies have consistently shown that the risk of recidivism diminishes incrementally with the amount of education that inmates receive while incarcerated. This grant will support educational achievement through collaboration with Madison Metropolitan School District. This grant will also provide an overview of free public library resources that are available to inmates to take advantage of upon their release back into the community.

**Indianhead Federated Library System 10-265**  
**After School Is Not an Afterthought: Helping Libraries Serve Latchkey Children \$20,569**

Thirty one percent of Wisconsin's school-age children are responsible for taking care of themselves after school is out (Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, [http://www.wccf.org/proj\\_afterschool.php](http://www.wccf.org/proj_afterschool.php)). These numbers are likely to increase as family budgets grow tighter during the economic downturn. Libraries across the country, and in the Indianhead Federated Library System (IFLS) region in particular, have a significant role to play to help make after school time productive and safe. An increasing number of young people, ages 8-13, are spending time in the library after school. Librarians have expressed the need for help ensuring that these children have a rewarding, positive, and meaningful time at the library.

In order to better serve these children, fifteen libraries are planning to work with partners and volunteers to start regular after school programming and/or set up drop-in homework centers. Each library will hold at least 22 after school programs. Five libraries will provide more hours to part-time staff to manage the extra start-up duties of creating a homework center (making policies, purchasing materials, recruiting and training volunteers). Ten libraries will absorb these duties into the already-existing staffing pattern, but will receive a laptop to be used after school for homework. All fifteen libraries will be able to purchase some new high-interest, low-vocabulary books and magazines or computer software and board games that will enhance literacy.

IFLS will plan a workshop to provide insight for librarians on recognizing and dealing with child abuse and neglect, a topic about which many librarians have expressed a desire for more information and guidance. The workshop will also provide ideas, inspiration, and practical tips about setting up effective after-school programs and homework centers. The workshop will be open to all libraries, but those participating in the grant will receive mileage reimbursement for attending. In addition, participating libraries will receive partial mileage reimbursement for attending a separate collection development workshop with Kathleen Baxter and the librarians from the Cooperative Children's Book Center. IFLS will also schedule a webinar early in 2010 about recruiting and using volunteers.

**Kenosha Public Library**

**10-267**

**Parents as Teachers: Developing Early Literacy Skills with Your Child**

**\$10,077**

Parents are their children's first and most significant teacher and through this literacy grant we will provide parents the skills they need to help in their child's development. This 'Parents as Teachers: Developing Early Literacy Skills' grant will address the need to promote and demonstrate positive parenting skills, as well as provide early learning centers in the public library for parents to use with their children in developing early literacy skills.

Parent education is the basis for preparing parents to become involved in their child's development. Through appropriate parenting education workshops daycare providers, educators, and librarians will learn the importance of modeling positive parenting skills when working with the parents of their clients. Teen moms and parents will also participate in hands-on training programs with their children to learn these skills. Library staff members will have the opportunity to participate in training workshops and hands-on training in order to understand issues parents of young children face. Spanish language translators will be available as necessary.

The Ready to Read Center at the Kenosha Public Library Southwest branch will be expanded to include a variety of activities and manipulative items parents can use with their children in developing early literacy skills. Ready to Read Centers will also be established at the three other Kenosha Public Library branches as appropriate for each building including activities and manipulatives for parents to use when interacting with their children.

Developmentally appropriate manipulative and sensory items, visual and audio format items, picture books, and non-fiction books will be purchased to be used to enhance early literacy skills among the target population. Parenting books and visual formats will also be added to the collection. Materials lists will be compiled and distributed highlighting the titles purchased for children and adults.

The project administrator and library staff will market the infant, ones, toddler and preschool storytime programs that are already scheduled and presented at KPL branches to the target audience and encourage parents to bring their children. Library staff will also promote the collections of books, audio and visual format materials, and manipulative items, which will circulate from our system libraries and encourage parents and daycare providers to visit their local library, acquire library cards and check out these materials. Library staff will further market library services at the workshops and programs listed above, as well as at activities sponsored by the Early Childhood Consortium partners.

Kenosha Public Library staff along with members of the Early Childhood Consortium, Even Start Family Literacy and the Kenosha Unified School District teen parenting program will achieve the objectives of this project by educating teen moms and parents on the importance of early literacy through hands-on literacy based workshops and by introducing them to the Ready to Read Centers at the public library.

South Central Library System  
Teens Succeed: Serving At-Risk Teens

10-269  
\$38,700

Teens Succeed: Serving At-Risk Teens

Based on recent state and national population statistics, the adolescent population is a growing one – there are more teenagers now than in previous generations. Middle schools, high schools and higher educational institutions are scrambling to deal with the needs of this growing population and, for many teens, their educational experiences are simply adequate. Unfortunately, many at-risk teens are being left behind and are struggling through middle and high school and have no dreams of ever attending technical colleges or universities. As a community concerned about our shared future, public libraries need to realize our full potential and provide opportunities to help at-risk teens develop the skills they require to be active, healthy adults who contribute to their communities. Public libraries play a unique role – we are a community gathering place where all ages and all types of people are welcome. We have the power to help at-risk teens turn their lives around and be successful in achieving their dreams. The 2010 LSTA grant proposed by the South Central Library System (SCLS), “Teens Succeed: Serving At Risk Teens” will help public libraries reach out to at-risk teens by:

- Providing continuing education workshops for public librarians that will teach librarians methods for marketing and creating library programs for at-risk teens.
- Providing funds for libraries to purchase materials, such as GED study guides, test-prep resources, vocational guides, teen parenting resources, high-interest/low reading ability materials, books of interest to teens written in languages other than English and multicultural materials that appeal to diverse populations and immigrant teens.
- Providing funds to enhance and create library programs for at-risk teens.

Workshops will address the ways that libraries can address the needs of at-risk teens; special attention will be given to methods for working with pregnant teens and teen parents, which is a growing population in many of the communities served by libraries in the South Central Library System.

Communities need to come together to create opportunities for all teens to thrive and succeed. Public libraries are poised to take the lead in helping teens develop into healthy, successful adults who contribute to their communities and strengthen the fabric of our society.

Spooner Memorial Library  
Building Bridges: Reaching out to Youth in Rural Communities

10-271  
\$12,140

Building Bridges: Reaching out to Youth in Rural Communities

In an effort to improve literacy and reading skills in the socioeconomic disadvantaged youth of the rural Village of Minong and its surrounding communities, the Spooner Memorial Library has joined together with Comforts, a faith based community action agency, Northwood School District, and Head Start to form a cooperative partnership to create and implement the LSTA Grant, Building Bridges: Reaching out to Youth in Rural Communities.

Minong, population 566, is located on the northern most edge of Washburn County, twenty miles from the nearest public library. The school’s population is approximately 400 k-12 students with nearly 50% qualifying for free and reduced lunch. There is no public transportation within the county and youth, especially those who are socioeconomic disadvantaged, rarely if ever have the opportunity to utilize library services.

The purpose of Building Bridges: Reaching out to Youth in Rural Communities is to provide Play/Literacy visits to preschoolers sits for twenty weeks during the school year and Summer Reading Program with

eight weekly Play/Literacy visits for youth of all ages during the summer. The library will also offer a rotating collection of library materials available for check outs on each visit. Comforts, who already offers a public service outlet for books through its food pantry will supply a space within the Village of Minong for the Library visits and assist in marketing by advertising through word of mouth and flyers at the Food Pantry, churches, grocery store and other places where people gather. Northwood Elementary teachers will advertise the Summer Reading Program at school and promote the program by speaking directly with parents and sending home flyers with the students.

Funds from the grant will be used to improve and increase our current children’s collection so that we may offer a rotating collection of current and relevant materials. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies to perform the Play/Literacy visits and provide two performers as well as a field trip to the Spooner Memorial Library during the summer.

## C. Library Improvement

### Multi-type Collaboration

South Central Library System	10-301
Multi-type Collaboration Summit	\$2,000

Libraries come in a multitude of specialties - public, academic, school, government agency, and corporate - just to name a few. Professional organizations such as WEMTA, WLA and its various divisions, SLA, and PLA reinforce the distinctiveness of each type of library. While very beneficial to the libraries individually, this creates significant challenges for communication and collaboration across types of libraries and governmental boundaries.

The Multitype Collaboration Summit proposed by the South Central Library System (SCLS) and Multitype Advisory Library Committee (MALC) will promote and foster improved communication and collaboration between all types of libraries. The Summit will provide an opportunity for networking among librarians from diverse libraries and allow them to showcase and highlight their specialized collections. The Summit will improve collaboration among libraries by sharing contact and collection information and discussing ways to share this information with all libraries in the South Central Library System. The information collected by participants at the Summit will provide the basis for the development of an online collaboration tool.

Rhineland District Library	10-303
Multitype Planning & Collaboration	\$2,500

This project will identify and communicate information about career and learning resources to build 21st century skills that are available in local libraries to the jail population at the Oneida County Jail. The goal of the project is to demonstrate to the jail population that local libraries (Nicolet College Library; Rhineland District Library) have a variety of career and learning resources that can be used to assist them in gaining skills and making career choices during and after their incarceration. If inmates are introduced to these valuable reference materials while incarcerated, they should feel more confident in seeking these materials out at their local libraries once released.

This goal will be accomplished by purchasing, organizing and housing career resources in the Oneida County Jail library. These resources will mirror part of the collections that are available in the two libraries. Each library will select approximately 18 titles (36 titles total) to start the Jail library collection with a focus on the following broad topics:

1. Job seeking
2. Job retention
3. Basic educational skills

Additionally, the collection will support Nicolet College’s career and GED/HSED programs at the jail while introducing inmates to valuable reference materials.

Walter E. Olson Memorial Library	10-305
Vilas County Libraries: Multi Links to Learning	\$1,500

Vilas County has 9 public libraries in addition to the school and academic libraries that are all seeking to provide residents and visitors with high quality library services on limited budgets. The population of Vilas County is diverse in terms of socio-economic and demographic characteristics; therefore, the needs and expectations of library users vary substantially from library to library and even within the individual libraries. The organizations also recognize many residents are non users of the county’s libraries either because they are unaware of the full range of resources and services available or the library is unable to provide the desired services or resources within its budget due to limited demand.

This project seeks funds from the Multi-Type Library Collaboration allocation to bring Vilas County librarians from the municipal, town, school and academic libraries together in a central location for a one day, facilitated workshop to identify the common goals and objectives each organization has and identify areas in which collaboration can assist the libraries in enhancing the services provided to clients without increasing the financial or administrative burden on any of the individual libraries in the county.